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**Patent Application**

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**Docket No.:** 9931-012US

**Title:** Tubular Conduit

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Dear Sir:

**Transmittal of Response to File Missing Parts of Application**

This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Enclosed are the following papers related to the above-identified patent application:

1. Transmittal Letter
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

Payment of \$65 is enclosed to cover the unsigned oath or declaration surcharge.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Respectfully,

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**371 FORMALITIES LETTER**



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## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/20/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/20/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/20/2006
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 09/20/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/20/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/20/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/20/2006
- Small Entity Statement filed on 09/20/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/20/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 09/20/2006
- Specification filed on 09/20/2006
- Claims filed on 09/20/2006
- Abstracts filed on 09/20/2006
- Drawings filed on 09/20/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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